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DA: Charges will be filed in 6th-grade schoolyard death

- Delaware County prosecutors said to expect charges to be filed after an investigation is complete and autopsy results are returned
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PAUL KOLNIK/PENNSYLVANIA BALLET

▶ Artists of the Pennsylvania Ballet rehearse "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The show opens today and runs through March 17. {page 12}

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Charges expected in sixth-grader's death

- DA: Charges to be filed after boy's autopsy results are released
- Incident brings back memories for anti-bullying advocate

Delaware County prosecutors expect to file charges in the case of 12-year-old Bailey O'Neill, a sixth-grader at Darby Township School who died Sunday following a schoolyard fight.

"Charges will be filed at the completion of the investigation," spokeswoman Emily Harris of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office said yesterday.

O'Neill was punched two to three times in the face and did not fight back, according to prosecutors.

Days later, he suffered from seizures and was placed in a medically induced coma. He died one day after his 12th birthday.

"Now, with the unfortunate death, we're going to include results of the autopsy, so charges will be based on the results of that investigation," Harris said. She expects to have those results by the end of the month.

FILE PHOTO

▶ Bailey O'Neill died just one day after his 12th birthday.

The harrowing tale brought back memories for Michigan man Kevin Epling, whose son Matt took his own life in 2010 shortly after being hazed. Epling has since become a full-time bullying prevention advocate.

"I feel very sad for the parents," he said.

O'Neill's family members said he was bullied at school, but prosecutors haven't yet made that determination. "It's currently being investigating whether bullying was involved," Harris said.

According to Epling, just one fight can be considered bullying. "Bullying doesn't have to repeat over an extended period of time. It can be one event really targeted at an individual."

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No rush to judgment

Epling said he does not want officials to rush to judgment in Bailey O'Neill's case, but he believes repercussions are necessary in order to send a message to students.

"It's a very difficult issue as a parent who's also lost a child — our son's attackers got a year of probation," he said.

'Revolutionary' efforts

Epling said that, though bullying has gotten worse due to the accessibility and anonymity on the Internet, efforts to address the issue have grown stronger.

- "We're in a revolutionary phase of anti-bullying right now," he said. "Ten years ago, there wasn't anybody talking about this. Now everyone is talking about it."
- "It's a positive thing because with everyone talking, there's nowhere for schools to hide and say they don't know it's an issue – and is an issue for every school."
- Epling has witnessed a "cultural shift" during his decade as an advocate.
- "I've seen a change in 10 years and I would love to have seen it happen faster," he said. "The more people talk, the more people get involved, the sooner we can get to reducing a lot of the problems in our schools. ... People need to not tolerate 'kids being kids' and 'boys being boys,' but throw out that mind-set and start over."

In the news

80%

Of 12,000 registered Pennsylvania nurses say they have much less time to spend with their patients than in prior years and cited chronic short-staffing as the main cause, according to survey results released by the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals. METRO

Local tweet

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German shepherds rescued from 'deplorable conditions' in home

Nine German shepherds were rescued from a Kensington home yesterday after they were found living in "deplorable conditions," officials said.

Pennsylvania SPCA Humane Law Enforcement officers were alerted after local businesses and neighbors noticed odd smells from the row house on the 2100 block of East Tioga Street, according to SPCA spokeswoman Wendy Marano.

The group obtained a warrant and raided the property around 12:30 p.m., according to George Bengal, director of Humane Law Enforcement.

"They were living in squalor conditions," he said.

Bengal described the house as "unlivable." Licenses and inspections later condemned the property, he said.

SPCA

▶ Some German shepherds were kept in small cages like this one.

9
Number of dogs rescued

"There was urine and feces everywhere," Bengal said. "Two or three dogs were kept in small wire cages that were ankle deep in urine and feces. It was a mess."

The homeowner was given nine citations. Bengal said he expects her to receive more animal cruelty charges once the dogs are examined.

Bengal described the homeowner as having a "hoarder mentality."

TOMMY ROWAN

In the news

Officials vote tonight on plan to close schools

The fate of 29 Philadelphia public schools will be decided tonight.

The state-run Schools Reform Commission (SRC) will meet tonight and vote on whether to accept the school district's plan to close 29 district-run schools.

The SRC will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the School District of Philadelphia headquarters, at 440 North Broad Street.

Superintendent William Hite's plan, which originally would have closed 37 schools, is expected to save the district $24.5 million a year. METRO

▶ Hite

Man killed by Amtrak train at Bucks station

A man was killed Tuesday night after he was struck by an Amtrak train, officials said.

He was hit by the Acela 2175 train around 10 p.m. near Croydon Train Station in Bristol Township, Bucks County, according to Amtrak spokesman Craig Schulz.

The train stopped and passengers were rerouted. No other information was immediately available. METRO

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Chess. Champs

▶ Sixty Philadelphia students gathered at Citizens Bank Park yesterday for the Philadelphia Scholastic Chess League Championship. Tymer Wilson, left, and Liulsa Valdiva, right, go head-to-head.

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In the news

Briggs

Arrest made in tour-bus shooting

PHILADELPHIA. Police arrested a suspect in last week's shooting outside rapper French Montana's tour bus that killed Jowann King, 26 and injured Granville Thompson, 28.

Frank Briggs, 20, of East Germantown, was taken into custody Tuesday for allegedly opening fire from the window of a speeding car into a crowd.

Briggs is charged with murder, attempted murder, aggravated assault and more. He was arraigned Tuesday night. Bail was set at $1 million for Thompson's shooting, and he's being held without bail in King's murder.

Briggs is next due in court March 20. METRO

More charges for car-chase couple

PHILADELPHIA. More charges have been filed against the Pennsylvania couple arrested on Tuesday after allegedly stealing two police cruisers and leading officers on a multi-state chase. In addition to the charges Blake Bills and Shayna Sykes face in connection with the alleged theft and chase, they are now accused of carjacking an additional vehicle the day before. Police said a deliveryman parked his car on North Hancock Street around 1 p.m. Monday. He left his keys in the ignition while dropping off some food.

He told investigators an unknown white female jumped into his car and fled. That woman is believed to have been Sykes, and Bills also took part in the crime, police said.

The couple are still jailed in Pennsylvania awaiting extradition to New Jersey, where still more charges have reportedly been filed against them, including attempted murder. A spokesman for the Camden County Prosecutor's Office did not return calls seeking comment yesterday. METRO

Advocacy groups seek federal probe in case of former lieutenant

A coalition of advocacy groups is urging the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate what the organizations are calling "a miscarriage of justice" in the case of former Philadelphia Police Lt. Jonathan Josey.

Josey was found not guilty of simple assault in Philadelphia Municipal Court last month for striking 39-year-old Aida Guzman in the face during a post-Puerto Rican Day Parade celebration.

Video of the alleged assault was put on YouTube and quickly went viral.

The National Conference of Puerto Rican Women Philadelphia Chapter, the Latino Empowerment Alliance of Delaware Valley, the Puerto Rico 51st State Committee, and other organizations on Monday circulated a petition addressed to Attorney General Eric Holder.

The letter calls the incident a "violent and unjustified attack of a Puerto Rican woman" and asks the federal government to prosecute Josey.

"On Tuesday, February 26th, in a decision that shocked the sensibilities of the entire Philadelphia region, Municipal Court Judge Patrick Dugan made a mockery of the justice system by ruling Mr. Josey not guilty," it states.

"In addition, to add insult to injury, Judge Dugan also racially profiled Philadelphia's Puerto Rican community during the hearing."

The petition criticizes the judge for failing to disclose he was married to a Philadelphia police officer.

"The incident in question is one of a long line of cases, a pattern, wherein citizens of Philadelphia are unjustly attacked by PPD officers and the Philadelphia court system fails to uphold the civil rights of the victims," the letter concludes.

More information is expected to be announced during a press conference tomorrow.

▶ The video of Josey striking Aida Guzman went viral.

Racial ruling?

The petition claims Dugan made comments during the sentencing hearing that "indicated a racial bias against the Puerto Rican community."

The claim reportedly referred to the content of Dugan's verdict. While reading his order, Dugan briefly discussed the area surrounding 5th Street and Lehigh Avenue, where the alleged crime occurred.

Dugan said the neighborhood — which is comprised largely of low-income and Hispanic residents — tolerates "open narcotics, marijuana and alcohol" and seemed to indicate it posed a special challenge for police.

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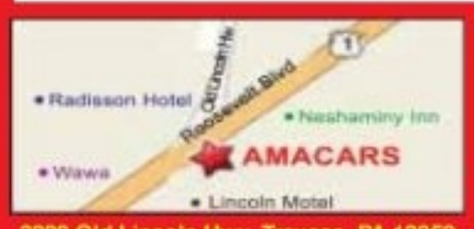

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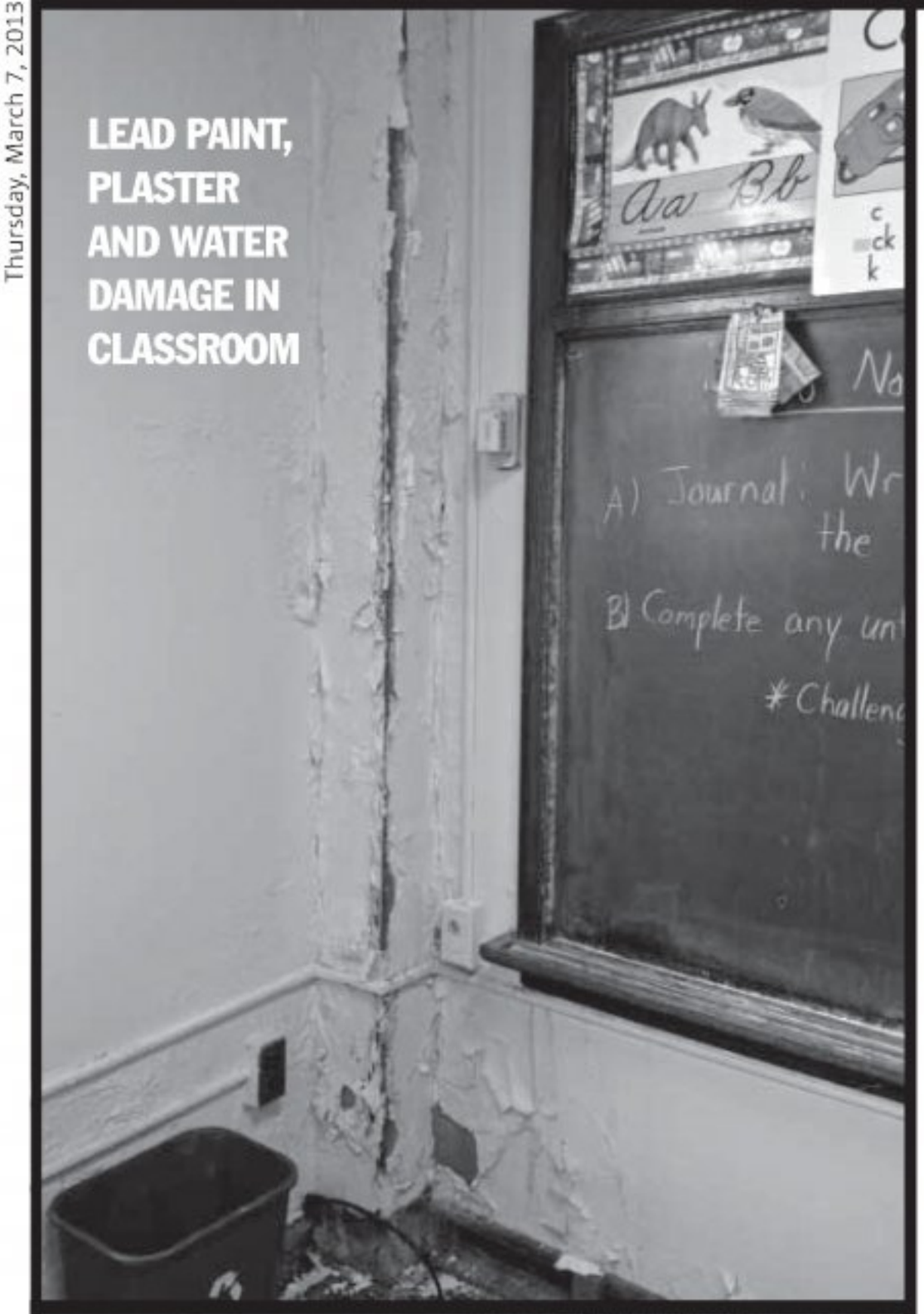

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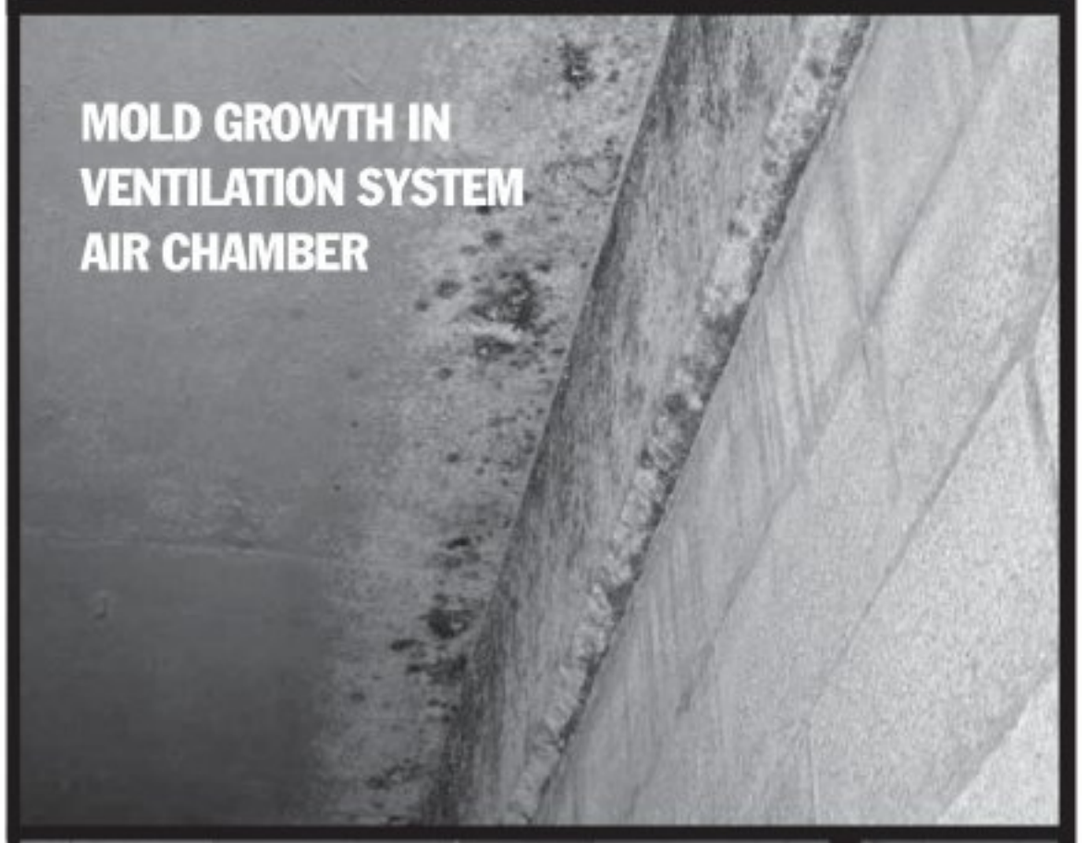

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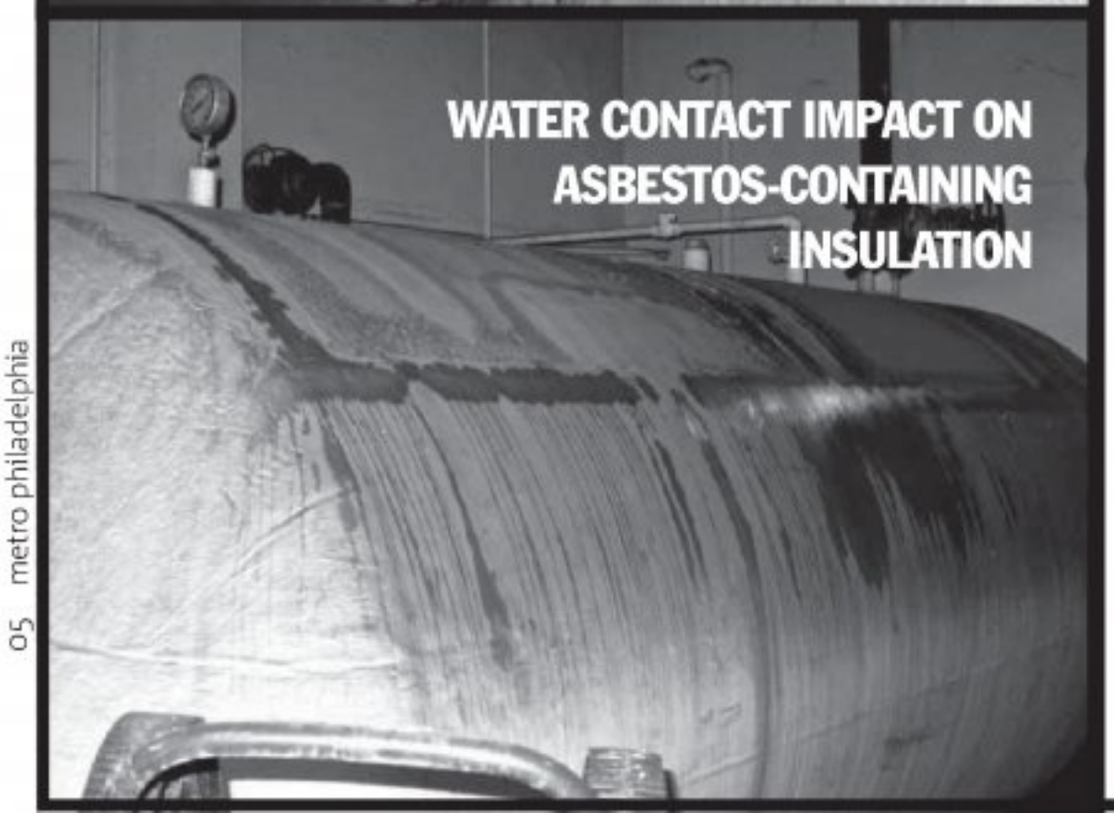

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Research indicates that air quality may significantly affect students' ability to concentrate, especially those under ten years of age who "are more vulnerable than adults to contaminants such as asbestos, radon, and formaldehyde."[2]

But, this latest fix, supposedly made in the name of education reform, will send thousands of children "from one deteriorating school to another. And in a few cases, students would transfer to worse facilities – even to buildings not worth repairing."[3]

The costs to repair schools that will be receiving students from closing schools is more than $800 million dollars with receiving Elementary Schools alone needing more than $393 million dollars in repairs.

The answer is NO!

Before our kids get marched off to schools where their learning, health and achievement will be further challenged shouldn't we be told how this latest "fix" will help them learn and succeed?

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In the news

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▶ Snow in the D.C. area

Washington shuts down ahead of fierce snowstorm

WASHINGTON. The U.S. government shut down yesterday ahead of a fierce snowstorm packing heavy, wet snow that had blanketed the Midwest, leaving thousands without power and forcing hundreds of flights to be canceled.

Washington could get slammed by its biggest snowfall in as much as two years, with 6 inches to 12 inches expected after the storm moved eastward into the mid-Atlanticstates, the National Weather Service said. **REUTERS**

Election bump over, Obama approval drops to 43 percent

WASHINGTON. Less than two months into his second term, President Barack Obama's approval rating has dropped and Americans blame him and his fellow Democrats almost as much as his Republican opponents for a fiscal mess.

A Reuters/Ipsos poll showed 43 percent of people approve of Obama's handling of his job, down 7 percentage points from Feb. 19.

Most of that steep drop came in the week of Feb. 26 when it was becoming clear that Washington was going to be unable to put aside partisan differences and agree to halt automatic budget cuts which started last Friday.

Confounding the White House's efforts to blame Republicans for the cuts, most respondents in the survey hold both parties responsible. **REUTERS**

US House approves bill to fund government through September

The House of Representatives yesterday passed legislation to keep federal funds flowing to government agencies through Sept. 30, seeking to avert shutdowns that otherwise would begin on March 27 when current funding expires.

The House bill was passed by 267 votes to 151. It gives President Barack Obama's administration flexibility in how it will achieve savings in defense and veterans' programs that are required as part of the $85 billion in automatic spending cuts that began on Friday.

The vote came as President Barack Obama prepared to meet with several Republican senators for dinner yesterday as part of his effort to revive talks to tackle the nation's long-term deficit, the White House said.

The Democratic president is trying to cobble together what he calls a "common sense caucus" among lawmakers to help resolve U.S. budget woes and push his legislative agenda.

▶ Obama is scheduled to travel to Capitol Hill next week, when he will address Senate Republicans at a lunch on March 14.

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At the heart of the fiscal crisis is disagreement over how to rein in the $16.7 trillion debt.

A source, who asked not to be identified, said Obama also plans to meet with House of Representatives Democrats next week, although the date has not yet been set.

In recent days, Obama has searched for common ground with senators who in the past have indicated a willingness to compromise on budget issues. The White House has suggested talks could center around a deal that includes new tax revenues. **REUTERS**

'Continuing resolution' heads to Senate

Last Friday marked the start of $85 billion in across-the-board budget cuts that are to be carried out by Sept. 30. It was not clear whether Obama, in his new contacts with Republican senators, was still trying to negotiate a substitute for those cuts.

Next week, the Senate is expected to take up the "continuing resolution" to keep the government operating through the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30.

That measure is expected to give broader flexibility on achieving the automatic spending cuts than yesterday's House-passed bill. **REUTERS**

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Reactions

How do you feel after the Chavez death?

Karla Mesas, 27, graphic designer, Caracas

"I didn't support him or his ideology, but, like with any human being that dies, the news is shocking. Like with any person there's a time for mourning, but people don't cry for anyone. I won't cry for him even though I understand the suffering. He did a lot of harm, too, and he had to pay for it, which he did with his illness."

Miguel Matos, 43, constructor, Caracas

"I'm very sad and hurt because we've lost a ray of hope in Latin America and the world. We already miss him. I can't tell you anymore because I can't think. I'm too sad." MWN

Mourners parade Chavez's coffin

Weeping and shouting, a sea of Hugo Chavez's supporters paraded his coffin through the streets of Caracas yesterday in an emotional outpouring that could help his deputy win an election and keep his self-styled socialist revolution alive.

Hundreds of thousands of "Chavistas" marched behind a hearse carrying the remains of the flamboyant and outspoken president, draped in Venezuela's blue, red and yellow national flag.

Avenues resounded with chants of "Chavez lives! The fight goes on!" as supporters showered flowers onto the coffin and jostled to touch it. Loudspeakers played recordings of the charismatic socialist giving speeches and singing.

Some supporters held heart-shaped placards that read: "I love Chavez!" Others cheered from rooftops, waving T-shirts.

Ending one of Latin America's most remarkable populist rules, Chavez died on Tuesday at age 58 after a two-year battle with cancer that was first detected in his pelvis.

His body was to be taken to a military academy later on Wednesday to lie in state until his state funeral on Friday.

The future of Chavez's socialist policies, which won him the adoration of poor Venezuelans but infuriated opponents who denounced him as a dictator, now rests on the shoulders of Vice President Nicolas Maduro, the man he tapped to succeed him. "We ask our people to channel this pain into peace," Maduro said.

Maduro, a 50-year-old former bus driver and union leader, will probably face Henrique Capriles, the centrist opposition governor of Miranda state, in an election now due within weeks in the OPEC nation with the world's largest oil reserves.

One recent opinion poll gave Maduro a strong lead over Capriles, in part because he has received Chavez's blessing as his heir apparent, and he is likely to benefit from the surge of emotion following the president's death.

Authorities said the vote would be called within 30 days, as stipulated by the constitution, but did not specify the date.

The tall, mustachioed Maduro has long been a close ally of Chavez. He pledges to continue his legacy and is unlikely to make major policy changes soon. He will now focus on marshalling support from Chavez's diverse coalition, which includes leftist ideologues, business leaders and radical armed groups called "colectivos."

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▶ Supporters of the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez cry in front of the Military Hospital, where he had been hospitalized.

"He's gone physically, but he left a seed that we, the youth, reap today to not abandon the revolutionary struggle anymore."

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When life imitates art

Bolshoi Ballet dancer who played villains admits to acid attack Was angry that hurt director passed up lover for roles

A dancer at Russia's Bolshoi ballet, who made his name playing villains, has confessed to ordering the acid attack that nearly blinded the company's director, angry that his lover was being kept out of leading roles.

Pavel Dmitrichenko, who has danced the crazed monarch in "Ivan the Terrible" and the villain in "Swan Lake," was detained on Tuesday for a crime that shocked Russia and blackened the reputation of the world-famous theater.

Dmitrichenko was shown haggard and unkempt in a police video confessing to plotting the attack, in which a masked man threw a jar of sulphuric acid in the face of artistic director Sergei Filin late on Jan. 17.

Two other men who had no known connection to the Bolshoi also confessed in the video, made available by police to Reuters and other media. One said he had thrown the acid at Filin and the other that he had driven the getaway car.

YURI KADOBNOV/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Behind this opulent facade hides an angry boyfriend.

Quoted

"I organized this attack, but not to the extent that it happened."

DMITRICHENKO, SAYING HE DID NOT MEAN FOR THE ATTACK TO GO AS FAR AS IT DID

Dmitrichenko, who is in his late 20s, said he had given the reasons for the attack in a written statement to police but did not say what they were on camera.

A source at the Bolshoi confirmed media reports that the outspoken dancer was angry that his partner, ballerina Anzhelina Vorontsova, had missed out on top roles, including the lead in "Swan Lake."

"Filin certainly squeezed out Vorontsova, but that is not a reason to throw acid in someone's face," the source told Reuters on condition of anonymity. Moscow police said they believed the motive was personal hostility based on a work conflict.

Before flying to Germany for treatment last month to save his sight, Filin, 42, said he believed he knew who was behind the attack and that he thought it was connected with his work. He is recovering and is expected back at work this summer. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Vatican warns cardinals not to talk to media

Vatican officials yesterday told cardinals gathered for the election of the next pope to stop speaking to the media, as further indications emerged that a conclave would not start early next week as had been expected.

American cardinals who had been scheduled to hold their third media briefing in as many days canceled it less than an hour before it was to have started at Rome's North American College, where they are residing. A spokeswoman for the American cardinals said "concern" was expressed at yesterday's closed-door meeting "about leaks of confidential proceedings reported in Italian newspapers." **REUTERS**

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News in brief

Court: Google not liable for search results

A woman trying to protect her "wholesome"image failed to persuade a federal appeals court to hold Google Inc., liable because searches for her name could lead people to advertisements for drugs to treat sexual dysfunction. The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago said Beverly Stayart did not show that Google violated Wisconsin privacy laws by misusing her name to generate advertising revenue. Stayart claimed that a search for "bev stayart" on Google generates a recommended search for "bev stayart levitra," which can direct users to websites about for male erectile dysfunction. **REUTERS**

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Justin Bieber is in a better mood than he was a few days ago, Solange Knowles isn't getting enough sleep, Steve Martin is ready for a career change and Emma Watson has simple desires.

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Lovin London. #goodtimes

@solangeknowles
My son will be up wanting breakfast in 2 hours. What am I doing with myself?

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Poll say Catholics want a younger Pope. That would be me.

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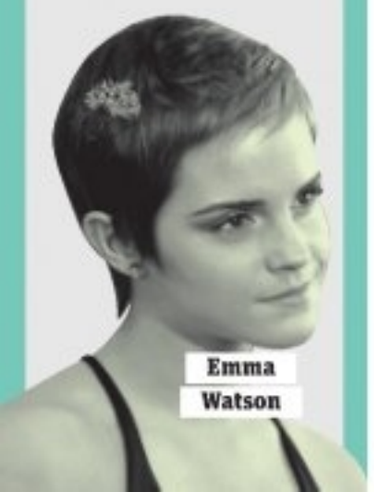

Emma Watson

More details on January Jones and Liam Hemsworth

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Rumors have been swirling around **Liam Hemsworth** (who is currently engaged to **Miley Cyrus**) and **January Jones** getting "hot and heavy" at a pre-Oscar party at the Chateau Marmont, and now Life & Style has more dirt on the hookup.

"They went to a private house party, and right in the middle of the party, January was clinging to Liam, saying, 'You're so handsome,'" a guest reveals in the new issue of Life & Style. "He kept saying, 'We can't do this here.' Then they left holding hands and went out in the hallway and were making out. She was wasted. It wasn't good."

For its part, the magazine has pictures of the two stars riding in a car together on the night in question. "When it comes to men, January just goes for it," another source reportedly tells the magazine. "She doesn't seem to care if they're with someone or not. It's like a challenge for her, a game."

As challenges go, making out with Liam Hemsworth seems like an easy one. What about climbing Mount Kilimanjaro?

Is Liam Hemsworth, inset, just another challenge for January Jones?

Meet 'Givenchy Kanye'

MTV has released its extensive "Hottest MCs" list, and **Kanye West** is not pleased to find himself sitting at the No. 7 spot. "I feel like for them to put me at No. 7, they had to bring up things they didn't like," he said during a call into New York's Hot 97 radio station. "What happens with these type of things and the people that review it, when I come in, I had like the pink polo and the backpack and I'm checking all the boxes of that **A Tribe Called Quest** era and all that, so they want to champion it. They don't like Givenchy Kanye. They don't like Kanye in a kilt. They don't like Kanye in a relationship."

Givenchy Kanye! Kilt Kanye! Boyfriend Kanye! I want all of these action figures, please.

West

Talking points

Poehler responds to Swift

Taylor Swift is making some powerful enemies. In response to **Amy Poehler** and **Tina Fey**'s joke at Swift's expense during January's Golden Globes ceremony, Swift told Vanity Fair, "You know, **Katie Couric** is one of my favorite people. She said to me she had heard a quote that she loved that said, 'There's a special place in hell for women who don't help other women.'" Poehler's response? "Aw, I feel bad if she was upset," she tells The Hollywood Reporter. "I am a feminist, and she is a young and talented girl. That being said, I do agree I am going to hell. But for other reasons. Mostly tax stuff."

Poehler

Is Middleton having a princess?

Did **Kate Middleton** accidentally let the cat out of the bag when it comes to whether she and **Prince William** are having a boy or a girl? During a public appearance this week, Middleton was given a teddy bear as a gift and said, "Thank you, I'll take that for my d..." before cutting herself off, according to the Telegraph. Attendee **Sandra Cook**, who was standing beside Middleton, asked her, "You were going to say daughter, weren't you?" to which Middleton reportedly replied, "No, I don't know."

Franco discusses his sexuality

James Franco says he's at least partially responsible for speculation about whether he's gay or straight. "One of the things that's very much part of my public image is the question of my sexuality," he tells Attitude magazine. "I get asked about it from all sides. It's partly my doing and partly not my doing." But what he's really interested in is a big actor coming out. "I think that the people I have known who are performers who haven't publicly come out didn't because they're afraid it'll hurt their careers," he says.

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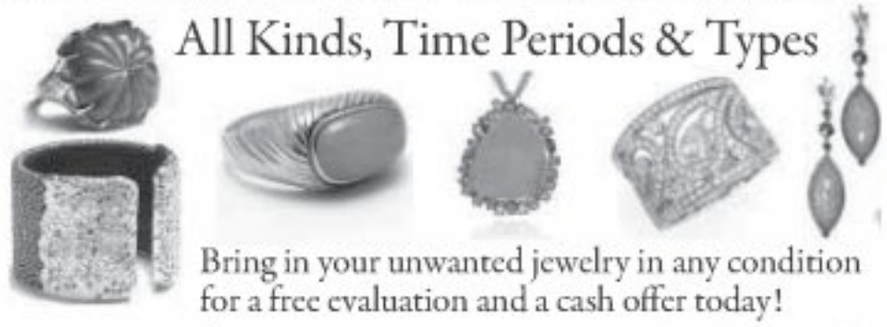

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Ballerina Gabriella Yudenich takes on three different roles in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

The Pennsylvania Ballet is lucky that soloist Gabriella Yudenich gave up on her first career goal.

"I really wanted to be a paleontologist," Yudenich says with a laugh. "I sometimes still regret it — I have fantasies of digging up dinosaur bones."

The Voorhees, N.J., native is dancing in the Pennsylvania Ballet's version of George Balanchine's classic "A Midsummer Night's Dream," opening tonight at the Academy of Music. She'll play three different roles, including the lead, Titania and Queen Hippolyta, during the show's seven-performance run.

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The show, set to Felix Mendelssohn's score, is based on Shakespeare's comedic fantasy about a mix of mortals and immortals searching for their soul mates in the forest. (In case you slept through high school English, it's the play that gives us the line "the course of true love never did run smooth" and illustrates that maxim by having the fairy queen Titania fall in love with Bottom, a human who's been turned into an ass.)

Yudenich and the other dancers spent about a month rehearsing the show, though they started learning bits and pieces of the choreography long before that, in between rehearsals for other shows — which can occasionally get confusing for a lead dancer and new mom like Yudenich. But the 29-year-old is an old pro: Both of her parents danced with the Pennsylvania Ballet, and she followed in their footsteps — literally — at age 6.

▶ Gabriella Yudenich leaps in the air during rehearsals for "A Midsummer Night's Dream," opening tonight at the Academy of Music.

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"I quit on and off as a kid. I was fascinated by dinosaurs. But then I decided I wanted to be a ballerina."
YUDENICH

"I quit on and off as a kid. I was fascinated by dinosaurs. But then I decided I wanted to be a ballerina,' Yudenich says. "I told my mom, and she said, 'Oh, we have a lot of work to do.'"

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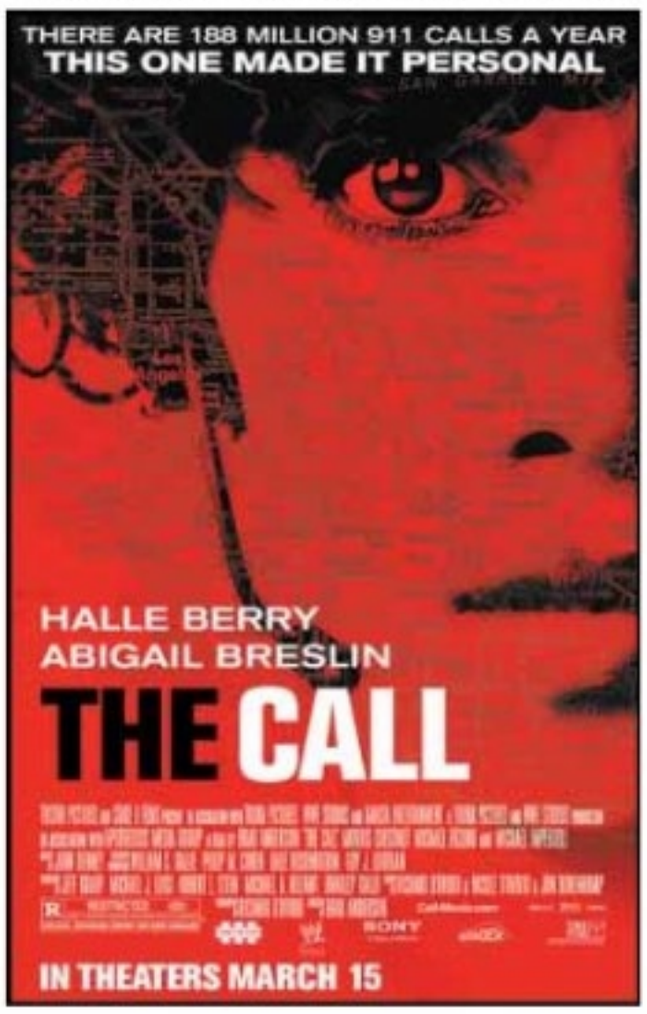

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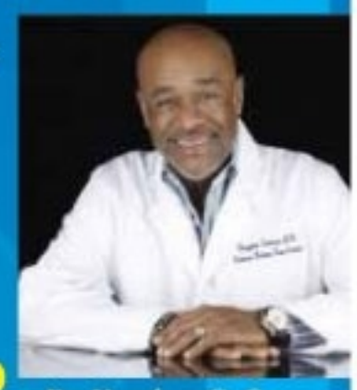
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2 'Dead Man Down' Noomi Rapace and her "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" director, Niels Arden Oplev, reunite in America for this revenge saga with Colin Farrell and Isabelle Huppert.

3 'The ABCs of Death' Horror anthologies are hot again (see also: "V/H/S"), and this shorts package boasts 26 of them, from directors all over the world, including "House of the Devil"'s Ti West. For the record, that's not a record: "Lumiere and Company" boasts 41 shorts.

4 'Barbara' Those into "The Lives of Others" will want to check out this other dispiriting look at life in East Germany, starring Nina Hoss as a doctor trying to defect to the West. It's from director Christian Petzold ("Jerichow," "Beats Being Dead").

5 'Yossi' Israeli filmmaker Eytan Fox makes a sequel to his 2002 breakthrough "Yossi & Jagger," following Yossi still reeling Jagger's death as he finds love with a soldier.

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1 'Oz the Great and Powerful' In order to avoid a repeat of 1985's "Return to Oz," which terrified kids (or at least parents) into dismal returns, Disney has hired the guy who made three "Evil Dead" movies. Sam Raimi directs this well-behaving prequel starring everyone's idea of an old-timey actor: mumbling stoner James Franco.

6 'Greedy Lying Bastards' We're not sure which stance this documentary takes on the subject of climate change deniers, from ExxonMobil to Koch Industries.

7 'Emperor' Hot off the Oscar he almost won, Tommy Lee Jones plays General MacArthur in this docudrama about deciding whether to try Emperor Hirohito for war crimes at the end of WWII.

8 'Jack the Giant Slayer' No one is really seeing this $200-million behemoth about behemoths, meaning that, as with last year's "Jack Carter," we have the to inform you this movie isn't actually that bad, and deserves better.

9 'A Place at the Table' Executive produced by Tom Colicchio of "Top Chef," this activist doc hopes to shock the nation into awareness of "food security."

10 'The Gatekeepers' This acclaimed look at Israel's Shin Bet, the counterterrorism agency, lost the Best Documentary Oscar to the more upbeat "Searching for Sugar Man." But you should still see it anyway.

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Three takes on plaid

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Alexa Chung on her new Fuse music show, her dream fashion collaboration and her surprising style crush: Wednesday Addams

WELCOME TO HER WORLD

We have to apologize to Alexa Chung at the start of our phone interview for how terrible our cold-inflicted voice sounds. "That's my voice every day," says the 29-year-old in her signature rasp. "Welcome to my world."

It's this kind of quick wit (a mix of sarcasm and self-deprecation) that's helped the British beauty (originally discovered as a model at age 16) land television hosting gigs — most famously her big U.S. break: MTV's "It's On with Alexa Chung." The show was intended to make Chung a star, but it was canceled after just six months.

Now Chung is back in the U.S. — and working in music. She's one of four anchors on "Fuse News," a new daily show on cable network Fuse devoted to all things music.

So what's different this time around?

"I don't think I've learned any massive lessons other than one hour of just me is too much me," says Chung. "So this is better because it's four anchors. I'm not carrying [a show] on my own."

Less pressure means Chung is busy "dabbling in everything" — from writing a book (set to hit shelves in September) to, of course, fashion ("that's very much where my interest lies"). Though she alludes to working on her own fashion line, she's tight-lipped about the specifics right now. She does, however, reveal her dream project: to resurrect designer Luella Bartley's line. "I think she's brilliant," says Chung.

But whose personal style does the fashion "it" girl admire?

"Wednesday Addams," deadpans Chung. "George Harrison from the '60s. I don't look to modern-day people. I love Diane Kruger's style and I love Kate Moss and all those, but when it comes to getting dressed myself, I delve into film characters."

Lately, expect her sartorial choices to be more "Devil Wears Prada" than her usual "Oliver Twist."

"It's interesting to work out what looks good on [the 'Fuse News' set] and in that environment. Now I think [my outfits] are going to be a bit smarter," says Chung. "I'm going to turn 30 in November, so dressing like a schoolgirl suddenly looks a bit odd."

But before you worry the fashion darling with the irreverent shtick has gone all adult, Chung adds: "It's not like my personality has changed. I'll still be highly sarcastic."

To wit: When asked about her perfect cat-eye eyeliner, she responds, "The secret is my eyes are shaped in a half-Asian way."

Q&A

More with Chung

What's your guilty music pleasure?
"My guilty pleasures are usually modern music because I really like past stuff, eras gone by, '60s stuff. So if I like 'Diamonds' by Rihanna, that's more of a guilty pleasure than if I were to admit liking ABBA."

What styles are you currently into?
"I like dressing like a boy. I like wearing cropped sweaters and high-waisted skirts."

What eyeliner do you use? It always looks perfect.
"I use Eyeko's liquid eyeliner. They do this really amazing pen, so it's like drawing on your eyelids with a felt-tip pen. You get control."

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Will an e-dating consultant help you find love?

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▶ When your online profile is striking out, there are professionals you can call.

Online dating is a reality of the love game, whether you're just looking around or on a serious quest for a lifelong partner. Sites like OkCupid, Match.com and eHarmony try to make finding someone simple, but they can be disappointing and frustrating. Now, one solution to the e-dating conundrum is gaining traction: consultants. These pros help clients strategize and punch up their profiles to stand out in the competitive world of digitalized courtship.

"Most people are not very good at online dating," says Evan Marc Katz, dating coach and founder of the e-dating consulting service eCyrano. "It's like the gym. You don't lose weight by signing up for the gym. That's why people hire personal trainers — to show them how to use the equipment."

eCyrano rewrites clients' profiles based on a lengthy questionnaire and detailed phone call. Katz, who dated online for 10 years before meeting his wife offline at a party, says his team of freelance writers promise profiles that are more authentic than what most users write for themselves. He contends that the majority of online-dating fumbles involve unrealistic expectations: "Online dating gives people the illusion of choice, not actual choice."

Then, of course, there are the photos. Companies like New York Image Consultant offer services like a Re-Imaging package, which includes hairstyling and makeup, as well as a range of outfits and poses, plus Photoshopping, for $1,500. Consultant Amanda Sanders puts it bluntly: "The reality is, they choose your picture over someone else's because it captures their eye. The text isn't as important as the visual aspect." Sanders works with clients who travel to New York for her firm's services. Like Katz, Sanders asserts that her business vastly improves a client's chances. The offline date itself, however, is up to you.

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Not a sure thing

Dan Slater, author of "Love in the Time of Algorithms: What Technology Does to Meeting and Mating" is skeptical about some consultants' claims.

▶ Though he lauds dating sites for helping people find happiness, Slater believes the business of online dating can be predatory: "The difference between happiness and unhappiness is rarely a consultant."

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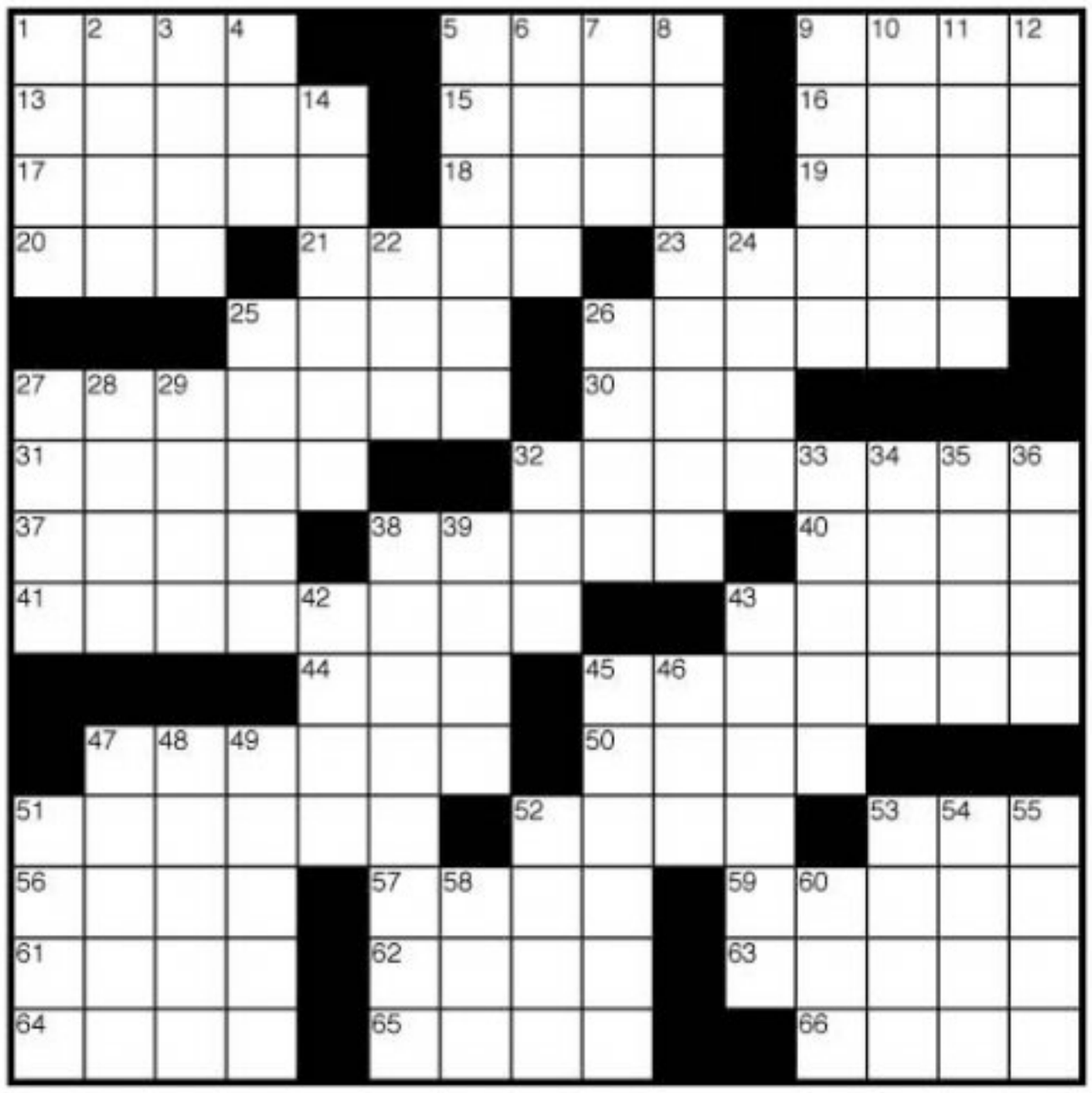

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Because you're likely to be a visionary with a purpose, your probabilities for success are excellent. When you are motivated in such a way, anything is possible.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although you'll derive much satisfaction from achieving an impressive accomplishment, striving for it will give you the most pleasure. The fun is in the chase.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Those with whom you hang out, including your family, will have a powerful effect on your attitude. If they're doers, you're apt to be a success too.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Even if most of your efforts are spent doing things for others, when it comes time to divvy up the results, you'll share in what they gained.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you have to make a presentation, try to isolate the key players, because you'll do much better and be far more dynamic working on a close, personal basis.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't be reluctant to be of assistance to an associate if it's needed. You could be surprised by how much your actions help your situation as well.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Consideration and diplomacy won't dilute your strengths — they will enhance them. Persons with whom you're involved will recognize and admire your clout.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Engaging in do-it-yourself household projects could turn out to be more fun than drudgework. Now's the time to fix everything that in need of some mending.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Occasionally, it can be therapeutic to break away from everyday routines and change the game plan. If possible, seek out involvements that are fun and relaxing.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Substantial achievements are possible when you devote your energies to matters that could enhance your material well-being. Go for the gold today.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Adhere to any strong notions that direct you to take action on a specific issue. Tackling a quantity of jobs is not necessarily better than doing quality work on one.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In order to get what you're entitled to, it might be necessary for you to be assertive. Don't hesitate to be bold when circumstances require it.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

Letters

Common sense should win this argument

RE: "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE IN COMPARING ANIMALS VS. HUMANS" (METRO, MARCH 5) I hate to tell you this, letter writer Feng Xia, but bringing up Nazis doesn't automatically win you an argument. A cat is not a "race." It is a species. Do animals deserve safety and respect? Yes. In individual scenarios or in family units, are we to put pets before people? That's insane. Any reasonable human being would say that given the option to save a pet from a house fire or a person, one would save the person. Similarly, I think most reasonable human beings can agree that shooting a dog is cruel and unnecessary. (It should be noted that Mindy McCready, having subsequently committed suicide, was likely not in a reasonable state of mind.) So what exactly are people arguing for or against? It's just gotten silly and out of proportion. **ROXANNE MICHAUD, VIA E-MAIL**

RE: "IT'S A FOOD CHAIN, NOT A FOOD CO-OP" (METRO, MARCH 6) I would love to hear how King concludes we are the "most evolved" animal. It's news to me that we are better than dogs at smelling, better than elephants at carrying things, better than tuna at swimming or have gone through more evolutionary steps than bacteria.

I would also love to hear about Parn's exciting new evidence that a person's animal empathy is inversely correlated with human empathy, or for that matter how her household has a "national" product — though it seems working animals from dogs to bees contribute hugely to the income of our actual nation. These "facts" must be fascinating, unless their assertions are actually just the unfounded hyperbole they sound like. **CHARLES BOSSE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Braves skipper says watch out for 2013 Phils

● Team relishing underdog role ● Not a trendy pick among analysts ● Halladay bounces back

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▶ Halladay threw four scoreless frames yesterday to beat Washington — and started a mini-controversy, too.

The vibe around Bright House Field is different this spring. For the first time since the early days of the Charlie Manuel era, the Phillies aren't the favorite to win the division or make the playoffs.

When ESPN's John Kruk and Tim Kurkjian held court in the Phillies' clubhouse last week, the talk was about the Washington Nationals and the Atlanta Braves.

"We don't care about any of that stuff," Ryan Howard said. "Just because they make their predictions, that doesn't mean it's going to come true."

Howard's correct.

If that were the case, the Phils would have played the Red Sox in the 2011 World Series, a trendy pick among many pundits.

"We don't mind being below the radar," Howard said. "I kind of like it. If you want to underestimate us, go ahead at your own risk ... because watch out, if we're healthy, we're going to do a lot of damage."

It's early and the Phillies are healthy. Howard is batting .367 with three home runs and has a team-leading 11 RBIs. Domonic Brown, a one-time top prospect, is hitting .385 with three home runs. Ben Revere is covering ground in center and hitting .310.

Roy Halladay, who blanked the Nationals yesterday over four innings, looks like he has bounced back, too.

"Don't kid yourself, the Phillies are going to be very tough this season," Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "I see a very talented team that a lot of people are selling short. Howard and [Chase] Utley look good. The Phillies didn't have them for most of last season. If they have those two near or at full-strength, and if Halladay returns to form, they're going to be very, very tough."

Quoted

"I don't care what anyone predicts when it comes to the Phillies. They are going to be really good."

FREDI GONZALEZ

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Halladay sticks up for Utley in shutout outing

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▶ Utley

Roy Halladay threw four scoreless innings in a 6-3 victory yesterday over the Nationals. The ace righty looked like his old self, allowing just two hits while striking out two. He out-dueled Stephen Strasburg in front of the largest home crowd this spring at Bright House Field.

Halladay (2-0, 2.16 ERA) was mostly brilliant, save one errant fastball that everyone was talking about after the game. He chucked a high and tight one behind Tyler Moore minutes after Strasburg plunked Chase Utley on the left foot.

When asked about the pitch, Halladay smiled and told reporters it "slipped." Moore went on to double in the at-bat, but the message was clear: The Phillies aren't lying down this season, not even in an exhibition game in early March.

Cliff Lee will take the mound today when the Phillies host Minnesota.

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In the news

Asomugha still on Eagles roster

Nnamdi Asomugha wasn't released by the Eagles yesterday despite a report saying he would be.

Howard Eskin started the rumor when he posted a tweet saying the cornerback would be cut, but the team quickly denied the report and Eskin apologized.

Asomugha, who turns 32 in July, is due $15.5 million in 2013. It's highly unlikely he'd be back here unless he were willing to take a significant pay cut.

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Orange and Black trying to get back to .500 New York loss dropped team to ninth in East Split season series with Pitt

If you want to say the Rangers own the Flyers — and after Tuesday's 4-2 loss to New York made it 10 of the last 11 — then say it. But the Flyers should like their chances of getting back to that elusive .500 mark when the hated Penguins come to town tonight.

They have more than held their own vs. Pittsburgh. Since the start of the 2009-10 season, the Orange and Black have gone 9-4-1 against their cross-state rivals, including a split this season.

In the season opener, early first-period goals by Tyler Kennedy and James Neal set the stage for Pittsbugh's 3-1 win. Then, after spotting the Pens two quick goals in the rematch two weeks ago, the Flyers rallied for a 6-5 win. Jake Voracek banked the game-winner off goalie Tomas Vokoun with 1:31 remaining.

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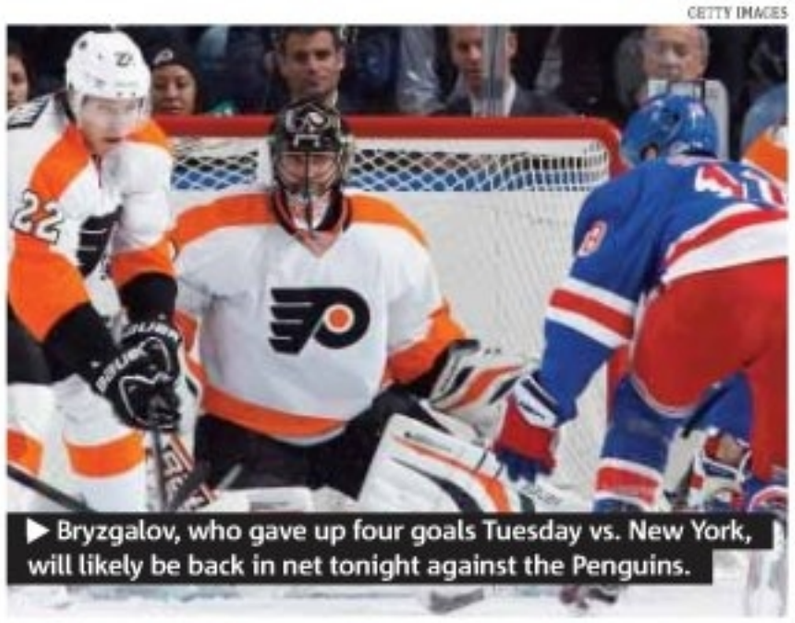

▶ Bryzgalov, who gave up four goals Tuesday vs. New York, will likely be back in net tonight against the Penguins.

Penguins coach Dan Bylsma chose to go with his backup goaltender in that one. The Flyers will likely go with Ilya Bryzgalov, who has started 22 of the Flyers' 24 games, in this one.

Less certain is the status of defenseman Niklas Grossmann. He had to leave after the first period Tuesday with a groin injury. If he can't go, Kurtis Foster would step in, unless Andrej Meszaros (dislocated shoulder) is ready to return.

The Penguins lead the Atlantic Division by five points over the Devils. The Flyers (11-12-1) stand fourth in the Atlantic and have fallen to ninth in the Eastern Conference.

"Pittsburgh is ahead of us and they have games in hand," said Scott Hartnell. "From here on, every game will seem more and more important. But it seems like it's been playoff hockey since Game 15."

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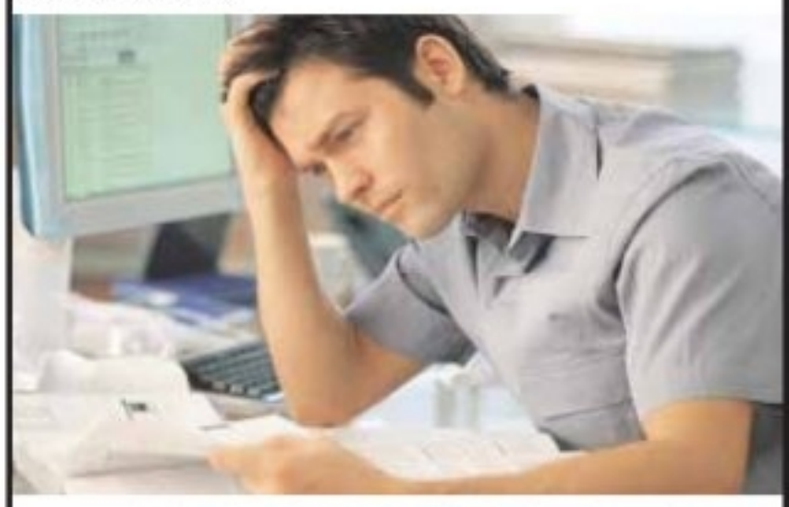

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